



Château Mouton-Rothschild

A finely sculpted and classical Pauillac, the 2021 Mouton Rothschild reclaims the estate's historic elegance with poise, purity, and refined structure.



1er Cru Classé 2021

Bordeaux, France

Region and Vineyards

Château Mouton Rothschild, classified as **Premier Grand Cru Classé in 1855 and reaffirmed in 1973**, is situated in the northern sector of **Pauillac**, on Bordeaux's Left Bank. Its **75 hectares** of vines are planted on a gravelly rise known as a "motte", composed of **gravel, sand, clay, marl, and limestone**, offering excellent drainage and thermal inertia. The average vine age exceeds 50 years, and the **vineyard density is 8,500 vines per hectare**, a configuration that fosters concentration and complexity.

The 2021 growing season began with an early and even budbreak, but was soon interrupted by **cool, wet weather in spring** and a persistent mildew threat from June through mid-July. However, a **dry August and early September** brought essential water stress and ripening conditions. Grapes matured slowly but thoroughly, particularly on Mouton's gravelly soils. The harvest took place from **25 September to 6 October**, with fastidious vineyard work ensuring a healthy and ripe crop under the direction of Jean-Emmanuel Danjoy.

Winemaking

The 2021 Mouton Rothschild is a blend of **89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, and 1% Cabernet Franc**—a classic Left Bank profile highlighting the quality of Cabernet in a cooler year. Fermentation was carried out in **225-hectolitre wooden vats**, with maceration lasting 15 to 25 days. The wine was then aged for **up to 22 months in 100% new French oak barrels**, maintaining the estate's uncompromising approach to élevage.

With an **alcohol level of 13.1%, IPT of 59, and pH of 3.73**, this vintage is marked by freshness, definition, and restraint. Only **41% of the total production** was selected for the Grand Vin, reinforcing its precision and purity. It is a structured yet approachable wine, expected to evolve beautifully over the coming decades.

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with violet highlights and crystalline brightness.
- **Aroma:** Captivating bouquet of blackcurrant, cherry, violet, and iris, intertwined with cedar, spices, and graphite. Floral delicacy meets classic Pauillac complexity.
- **Palate:** Medium-bodied and finely chiseled, with sapid, silky tannins and fresh acidity. Layers of black cherry, cassis, and plum unfold with elegance, underlined by mineral tension and subtle oak. The finish is long, pure, and nuanced, revealing the vintage's precision and depth.

Did you know?

The **2021 label** features an artwork titled *Universe of Mouton* by **Japanese artist Chiharu Shiota**. Inspired by the estate's relationship with nature, the delicate threadwork imagery reflects the fragile balance between human intention and the natural world—an apt metaphor for the humility and harmony required to craft a great wine in a challenging vintage.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roast venison with juniper and wild herbs** – a perfect match for the wine's finesse, earthy notes, and firm tannins.
- **Duck breast with cherry and hibiscus glaze** – highlights the floral and red-fruited components.
- **Lamb chops with rosemary and black garlic** – echoes the savoury depth and mineral finish.
- **Aged Tomme de Savoie or Cantal** – enhances the structure and subtle salinity.



James Suckling (JS) : 98 Points (2021)

This shows blackcurrants, blackberries, violets, lavender, pencil shavings and hints of metal shavings. Medium- to full-bodied with a firm and juicy character of extremely polished and integrated tannins that caress your palate. Compact and poised with tension and focus. A blend of 89% cabernet sauvignon, 10% merlot and 1% cabernet franc. 13.1% alcohol. Drink after 2029.



Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2021)

The 2021 Mouton Rothschild unwinds in the glass with rich aromas of dark berries and minty cassis mingled with espresso roast, dark chocolate, smoked meats and toasty new oak. It has taken on weight with élevage in barrel, exhibiting a full-bodied, rich and layered palate that's impressively muscular and multidimensional, with a deep core of fruit and plenty of sweet, powdery structuring tannin, concluding with a long, discreetly carnal finish.



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Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 96 Points (2021)

Barrel Sample. Big, rich and sumptuously smoky, this has density and power. Its blackberry tones are structured, with a core of tannins. This very fine wine has all the classic attributes of a Mouton, just slightly lighter.

